

# House File 454 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 81)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting city utilities and certain cities to delegate  
2 the authority to certify unpaid rates or charges for  
3 collection by the county treasurer.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 384.84, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) Except as provided in paragraph "d", all rates or  
4 charges for the services of sewer systems, storm water drainage  
5 systems, sewage treatment, solid waste collection, water,  
6 solid waste disposal, or any of these services, if not paid  
7 as provided by ordinance of the council or resolution of the  
8 trustees, are a lien upon the property or premises served  
9 by any of these services upon certification to the county  
10 treasurer that the rates or charges are due. The governing  
11 body of a city utility may, by resolution, delegate to a  
12 designee named in the resolution the city utility's authority  
13 to certify unpaid rates or charges to the county treasurer.  
14 The city council of a city that is contracting with a city  
15 utility for joint billing or collection or both pursuant to  
16 chapter 28E may, by ordinance, delegate to such city utility,  
17 or the city utility's designee, the city's authority to certify  
18 unpaid rates or charges to the county treasurer.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill relates to the certification to a county treasurer  
21 of unpaid rates or charges due for the services of sewer  
22 systems, storm water drainage systems, sewage treatment, solid  
23 waste collection, water, or solid waste disposal.

24 The bill would allow for a city utility to delegate its  
25 certification authority to a designee by a resolution of the  
26 utility's governing board. The bill also allows for a city  
27 council to delegate its certification authority, by ordinance  
28 of the city council, to a city utility if it has contracted  
29 with the city utility under Code chapter 28E for joint billing  
30 or collection services, or to that utility's designee.